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# H. RES. 53

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM PELL GRANT.**

3       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
4       ings:

5               (1) A college education has become increasingly  
6       important, not just to the individual beneficiary, but  
7       to the nation as a whole. The growth and continued  
8       expansion of the nation's economy is heavily depend-  
9       ent on an educated and highly skilled workforce.

1           (2) The opportunity to gain a college education  
2       also is important to the nation as a means to help  
3       advance the American ideals of progress and equal-  
4       ity.

5           (3) The Federal Government plays an inval-  
6       uable role in making student financial aid available to  
7       ensure that qualified students are able to attend col-  
8       lege, regardless of their financial means. Since the  
9       inception of the Pell Grant program in 1973, nearly  
10      80,000,000 grants have helped low- and middle-in-  
11      come students go to college, enrich their lives, and  
12      become productive members of society.

13          (4) Nationwide, almost 65 percent of high  
14      school graduates continue on to higher education.  
15      This degree of college participation would not exist  
16      without the Federal investment in student aid, espe-  
17      cially the Pell Grant program. Nearly 25 percent of  
18      all undergraduate students receive some amount of  
19      Pell Grant funding.

20          (5) In the next 10 years, the number of under-  
21      graduate students enrolled in the nation's colleges  
22      and universities will increase by 11 percent to more  
23      than 11,000,000 students. Many of these students  
24      will be the first in their families to attend college.  
25      One in 5 of these students will be from families with

1 incomes below the poverty level. The continued in-  
2 vestment in the Pell Grant program is essential if  
3 college is to remain an achievable part of the Amer-  
4 ican dream.

5 (6) Increasing the maximum Pell Grant to  
6 \$4,350 would result in a \$600 increase in the max-  
7 imum grant award.

8 (7) Because Pell Grant recipients are more like-  
9 ly to graduate with student loan debt and to amass  
10 more debt than other student borrowers, increasing  
11 the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,350 will help remedy  
12 this disparity.

13 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
14 House of Representatives that the maximum Pell Grant  
15 should be increased to \$4,350.

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